ABSOLUTE RATING: Good IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 9.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from good to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

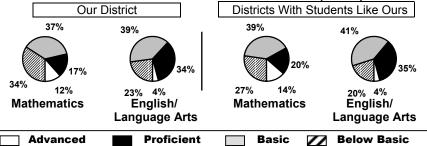
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

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PERFO	RMANCE BY S	TUDENT GROUPS		
			Percent	of
	Percent of		Students	Scoring
	Seniors	Percent of Seniors	Basic or	Above
	Passing the	Qualifying for LIFE	on the P	ACT
Student Group	Exit Exam	Scholarships	ELA	Math
All Students	94.2%	24.3%	77.2%	65.9%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	73.4%	2.0%	46.4%	29.9%
Students without disabilities	95.1%	25.9%	82.2%	71.9%
Gender				
Male	93.1%	24.1%	73.6%	65.8%
Female	93.8%	24.5%	82.3%	67.7%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	84.4%	6.7%	58.8%	42.7%
Hispanic	88.4%	14.7%	68.1%	62.0%
White	96.1%	29.8%	85.7%	76.3%
Other	88.7%	28.0%	89.2%	87.1%
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	82.2%	8.2%	60.6%	45.9%
Pay for Lunch	95.1%	26.5%	86.8%	77.6%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees				
	1999	2000	2001		
Our district					
Passed all 3 subtests	68.1%	69.8%	72.2%		
Passed 2 subtests	17.3%	15.4%	14.4%		
Passed 1 subtest	8.6%	10.5%	8.2%		
Passed no subtest	6.1%	4.4%	5.2%		
Districts with students like ours					
Passed all 3 subtests	67.6%	74.8%	74.3%		
Passed 2 subtests	16.9%	14.0%	13.8%		
Passed 1 subtest	10.1%	7.7%	7.6%		
Passed no subtest	5.4%	3.5%	4.3%		

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

		Percent of Seniors	
		Meeting Grade Point	Meeting SAT/ACT
	Eligible	Average Requirement	Requirement
Our District	24.3%	39.7%	27.7%
Districts Like Ours	24.9%	55.9%	26.4%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT	SAT	SAT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT
	Verbal	Math	Total	English	Math	Reading	Science	Total
	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001
District	502 499	497 501	999 1000	20.1 19.6	20.1 19.7	21.2 20.3	20.3 19.9	20.5 20.0
State	484 486	482 488	966 974	18.7 18.8	19.2 19.3	19.5 19.5	19.2 19.2	19.3 19.3
Nation	505 506	514 514	1019 1020	20.5 20.5	20.7 20.7	21.4 21.3	21.0 21.0	21.0 21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test. Percent scoring in upper half

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	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0.	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

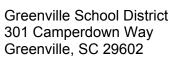
			Adva	anced	Prof	icient	Ba	asic	Belov	v Basic
Test	Grade	Year	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

DISTRICT PROFILE INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

This Distric	Change from t Last Year	Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRIC			DISTRICT
DISTRICT			
• Dollars per student \$5,698	N/A	\$5,671	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time 93.1%	Down from 93.6%	90.6%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio 18.4 to		21.8 to 1	20.2 to 1
 Vacancies for more than 0.9% nine weeks 	N/A	0.4%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=58,949)			
Advanced placement/ int'l 60.7% baccalaureate program exam success ratio	N/A	55.6%	43.8%
Attendance Rate 96%	Up from 95.8%	96%	95.7%
Taking PACT (ELA) off 4.5% grade level	N/A	4.8%	5.8%
Taking PACT (Math) off 3.8% grade level	N/A	3.8%	4.5%
• Retention rate 5%	Up from 4.3%	3.8%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=3,984)			
 Professional development 5.7 Day days per teacher 	S Down from 6.1	7.7 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate 97.8%	Down from 98.3%	95.6%	95.2%
 Advanced Degrees 50% 	Down from 51.4%	53.5%	44.4%
Continuing contracts 82.1%	Up from 78.1%	82.1%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits 4.5%	Up from 2.3%	1.6%	2.2%
 Teachers returning from the previous year 	Down from 91.9%	91%	89.5%
Average salary \$38,140	Up 5.8%	\$38,843	\$37,143

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	No change	2.3%	2.9%
 Percentage spent on teacher salaries 	48.6%	N/A	55.4%	50.9%
 Superintendent's years in the district 	1	N/A	8	3.5
 Parent conferences 	78.9%	N/A	78.9%	81.0%
 Opportunities in the arts 	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
 Number of schools 	89	Down from 94	13	8
 Number of alternative schools 	0	No change	0	0
 Number of charter schools 	3	No change	0	0
Number of magnet schools	13	N/A	0	0
 Portable classrooms 	14.4%	N/A	2.9%	6.5%
Attendance rate of district office staff	98.1%	No change	97.5%	97.5%
 Average administrative salary 	\$63,684	Up 3.4%	\$65,484	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Suspensions and expulsions 	2,329	N/A	81	100
Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	16.9%	Up from 14.4%	16.8%	10.5%
 Percentage with disabilities other than speech 	11.4%	Up from 9.2%	11%	10.5%



Grades K-12

Enrollment: 58,949 Students

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Annual District Report Card 2001

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The District Report Card provides a status report of where we are today --- student achievement, teacher quality, financial investment, condition of school facilities, and other performance indicators.

This first Report Card provides us with baseline information to determine our school district's priorities as we work to achieve our Education Plan's top goal: to raise the academic challenge and performance of each student. We have much to accomplish, but by working together, we can realize our vision of being the best in the Southeast by 2005!

I encourage you to review the District Report Card and individual School Report Cards, and to be more involved with your public schools. If you have questions or need assistance, please call us at 241-3100. We look forward to working with you and other citizens to help every child succeed!



By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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